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Song of Solomon 1

Song of Solomon 1:1

ULT

¹ The Song of Songs which is of Solomon. The woman speaking to herself

UST

¹ This is King Solomon's most beautiful song. The young woman speaking to herself

Who is the writer of Song of Songs?

Solomon is the writer of Song of Songs.

Song of Solomon 1:2

ULT

² Oh, that he would kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, The woman speaking to the man for your love is better than wine.

UST

² I wish he would kiss me on my lips, The woman speaks to her lover because your love for me is more delightful than wine.

For what does the young woman ask her lover to do?

The young woman asks her lover to kiss her with the kisses of his mouth.

What does the young woman say is better than wine?

The young woman says her lover's love is better than wine.

ULT

³ Your anointing oils have a delightful fragrance; your name is oil poured out; therefore the maidens love you.

UST

³ The fragrance of the perfume on your skin is very sweet. And your honor is very great and is spreading, like the fragrance of the special oil that you have put on your skin. That is why the other young women are attracted to you.

What does the young woman say her lover's name is like?

The young woman says his name is like flowing perfume.

Song of Solomon 1:4

ULT

⁴ Draw me after you; let us run. The woman speaking to herself The king has brought me into his chambers. The woman speaking to the man We are glad and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you. The woman speaking to the other women

UST

⁴ Take me quickly; take me to your home. The woman speaking to herself He is like a king to me; he has brought me into his bedroom. The woman speaking to her lover I am very happy about you; my love for you is better than wine. It is not surprising that the other young women adore you. The woman speaking to the other women

Where has the king brought the young woman?

The king has brought the young woman into his rooms.

Song of Solomon 1:5

ULT

⁵ I am dark but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

UST

⁵ You women of Jerusalem, I am dark but beautiful; my dark skin is like the tents in Kedar, or like the beautiful curtains in Solomon's palace.

How does the young woman describe her skin?

The young woman describes her skin as dark but lovely like tents of Kedar, like curtains of Solomon.

ULT

⁶ Do not stare at me because I am dark, because the sun has scorched me. The sons of my mother were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept. The woman speaking to the man

UST

⁶ But do not stare at me because the sun has made my skin dark. my brothers were angry with me, so they forced me to work out in the sunshine in the vineyards, so I was not able to take good care of my body. The woman speaking to her lover

Why does she not want the other women to stare at her?

She does not want the other women to stare at her because her skin is scorched.

What did the young woman's brothers do when they were angry with her?

The young woman's brothers made her a keeper of the vineyards.

Song of Solomon 1:7

ULT

⁷ Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where do you pasture your flock? Where do you make it lie down at noontime? For why should I be like someone who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions? The man speaking to the woman

UST

⁷ You whom I love, where will you take your flock of sheep today? Where will you allow them to rest at noontime? I want to know because it is not right for me to wander around like a prostitute looking for you among the flocks that belong to your friends. Her lover answering her

What does the woman ask her lover?

She asks him where he feeds his flock and where he rests his flock at noontime.

ULT

⁸ If you do not know, O most beautiful among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the tents of the shepherds.

UST

⁸ You who are the most beautiful of all the women, if you search for me and do not know where I will take my sheep, follow the tracks of the sheep. Then allow your young goats to graze near the shepherds' tents.

How does her lover say the young woman can find him?

He tells her to follow the tracks of his flock to the shepherds' tents.

Song of Solomon 1:9

ULT

⁹ I compare you, my love, to a mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.

UST

⁹ You are beautiful, my darling, like one of the young female horses that pull the chariots belonging to the king of Egypt.

To what does the young woman's lover compare her?

He compares her to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots.

Song of Solomon 1:10

ULT

¹⁰ Your cheeks are beautiful with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels.

UST

¹⁰ Your earrings are decorations for your cheeks, and there are strings of beads around your neck.

What does her lover say is on her cheeks and neck?

He says ornaments are on her cheeks and strings of jewels are on her neck.

ULT

¹¹ We will make for you ornaments of gold with beads of silver. The woman speaking to herself

UST

¹¹ I will make for you some gold earrings that are decorated with silver. The woman speaking to herself

What does her lover say he will make for her?

He says he will make for her gold ornaments with silver studs.

Song of Solomon 1:12

ULT

¹² While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance.

UST

¹² While the king was on his couch, the smell of my perfume spread around the room.

Where was the king lying while the woman was speaking to herself?

The king was lying on his couch while the woman was speaking to herself.

Song of Solomon 1:13

ULT

¹³ My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh that spends the night lying between my breasts.

UST

¹³ The man who loves me stays between my breasts during the night like a bag of perfume tied around my neck.

Where does her beloved spend the night?

Her beloved spends the night lying between her breasts.

ULT

¹⁴ My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of En Gedi. The man speaking to the woman

UST

¹⁴ He is like a bunch of flowers from the vineyards at En Gedi. Her lover speaking to her

To what does the young woman liken her beloved?

Her beloved is like a cluster of henna flowers in the vineyards of En Gedi.

Song of Solomon 1:15

ULT

¹⁵ How beautiful you are, my love; how beautiful you are; your eyes are doves. The woman speaking to the man

UST

¹⁵ You whom I love, you are beautiful; you are very beautiful! Your eyes are as delightful as doves. The woman speaking to her lover

How does her lover describe her eyes?

He says her eyes are like doves.

Song of Solomon 1:16

ULT

¹⁶ How handsome you are, my beloved, truly delightful. Indeed, our couch is luxuriant.

UST

¹⁶ You who love me, you are very delightful, you are wonderful! This green grass in the countryside will be like a couch where we can lie down.

What does the woman say serves as their bed?

Lush plants serve as their bed.

ULT ¹⁷ The beams of our house are cedars; our rafters are firs. UST ¹⁷ Branches of cedar trees will shade us; the fir branches overhead are like a roof for us.

Of what does the woman say the beams and rafters are made?

The beams and rafters are made of cedar tree branches and fir branches.

Song of Solomon 2:1

ULT

¹ I am a meadow flower of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. The man speaking to the woman

UST

¹ I am like an insignificant flower in the plains, like an insignificant lily growing in a valley. The man speaking to her

How did the woman describe herself?

She described herself as just a flower of in a plain, just a lily in a valley.

Song of Solomon 2:2

ULT

² As a lily among thorns, so is my love among the maidens. The woman speaking to herself

UST

² Among all the other young women, you, the one whom I love, are like a lily growing among thorns! The woman speaking to herself

What does the man say she was like among the daughters of his countrymen?

He said she was like a lily among thorns.

ULT

³ As an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. With great delight, I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

UST

³ Among all the other men, this man is the one who loves me; he is like a tree that grows in the forest. Under his shade I am safe from the sun. When he is close to me, it is like eating sweet fruit.

How did the woman describe her beloved among the young men?

The woman described her young man as the apricot tree among the trees of the forest.

Where did the woman sit?

She sat down under his shadow with great delight.

What was sweet to her taste?

His fruit was sweet to her taste.

Song of Solomon 2:4

ULT

⁴ He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. The woman speaking to the man

UST

⁴ He led me to the room where I feasted on his love, where he made love to me as if he were covering me with his love. The woman speaking to her lover

Where did her young man bring her?

Her young man brought her to the banqueting hall.

What was his banner over her?

His banner over her was love.

ULT

⁵ Sustain me with raisin cakes; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love. The woman speaking to herself

UST

⁵ Refresh me and strengthen me with your lovemaking. It is like eating raisins and other fruit, because I want you to love me even more. The woman speaking to herself

What did the young woman want to revive and refresh herself?

The young woman wanted raisin cakes to revive her and apricots to refresh her.

Song of Solomon 2:6

ULT

⁶ His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me. The woman speaking to the other women

UST

⁶ I hope he puts his left arm under my head and holds me close with his right arm. The woman speaking to the other women

Where were the young man's left and right hands?

His left hand was under her head and his right hand embraced her.

Song of Solomon 2:7

ULT

⁷ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the fields, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. The woman speaking to herself

UST

⁷ You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to take an oath, while the does and gazelles are listening, that you will not cause us to desire love until the right time comes. The woman speaking to herself

What did the young woman want the daughters of Jerusalem's men to swear?

The young woman wanted the young women to swear that they would not interrupt the young woman and her beloved's lovemaking until it was over.

ULT

⁸ The voice of my beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.

UST

⁸ I hear the voice of the man who loves me. It is as though he is leaping over the mountains and skipping over the hills

What sound did the young woman hear?

The young woman heard the sound of her beloved.

What did she say her beloved was doing?

He was leaping over the mountains and jumping over the hills.

Song of Solomon 2:9

ULT

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag; look, he is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice.

UST

⁹ like a deer or a gazelle. Now he is standing outside the wall of our house, looking in the window, and peering through the lattice.

What did she say her beloved was like?

She said her beloved was like a gazelle or a young stag.

Song of Solomon 2:10

ULT

¹⁰ My beloved responded and said to me, "Arise, my love; My beautiful one, and come away.

UST

¹⁰ He spoke to me and said, "You whom I love, get up; my beautiful one, come with me!

What did her beloved want her to do with him?

He wanted her to get up and go away with him.

ULT ¹¹ for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. **UST**

¹¹ Look, the winter has ended; the rain has stopped.

What did he say was past and what was over and gone?

He said he winter was past and the rain was over and gone.

Song of Solomon 2:12

ULT

¹² The flowers have appeared in the land; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

UST

¹² The flowers are blooming throughout the country. It is now time to sing; we hear the pigeons cooing.

What had appeared in the land?

Flowers had appeared in the land.

For what was it time?

It was time for pruning and the singing of birds.

Song of Solomon 2:13

ULT

¹³ The fig tree ripens its green figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give off fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

UST

¹³ There are young figs on the fig trees, and there are blossoms on the grapevines and their fragrance fills the air. You whom I love, get up; my beautiful one, come with me!

What ripened and was in blossom?

The green figs ripened and the vines were in blossom.

What did her beloved want his beautiful one to do?

He wanted her to arise and come away.

ULT

¹⁴ O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your face. Let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely." The woman speaking to the man

UST

¹⁴ You are like a dove hiding in the rocky cliff. Show me your face, and allow me to hear your voice, because your voice sounds sweet, and your face is lovely." The woman speaking to the man

What does her beloved call her?

Her beloved calls her his dove.

What does her beloved want to see and hear?

Her beloved wanted to see her lovely face and hear her sweet voice.

Song of Solomon 2:15

ULT

¹⁵ Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom.

UST

¹⁵ There are other men who ruin women as wild dogs ruin vineyards; do not allow those men to attack me.

What did the woman want him to catch?

The woman wanted him to catch the jackals.

ULT

¹⁶ My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies. The woman speaking to the man

UST

¹⁶ This man whom I love—I belong to him, and he belongs to me. He takes great pleasure in kissing my lips, as sheep love to graze in pastures. The woman speaking to her lover

To whom did the woman's beloved belong?

Her beloved belonged to her.

To whom did the woman belong?

She belonged to her beloved.

What did her beloved do among the lilies?

He grazed among the lilies with pleasure.

Song of Solomon 2:17

ULT

¹⁷ Until the day breathes and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

UST

¹⁷ You whom I love, you must go away before dawn, when the darkness disappears. Go away quickly, like a gazelle or like a young deer running on the high hills.

What did she want her beloved to do?

She wanted her beloved to go away.

When did she want her beloved to go away?

She wanted her beloved to go away before the soft winds of dawn blew and the shadows fled away.

What did she want him to be like?

She wanted him to like a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains.

Song of Solomon 3:1

ULT

¹ All night long on my bed I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I did not find him.

UST

¹ During the entire night while I lay on my bed, I was longing to see the one I love with all my heart. I wanted him to come, but he did not.

For whom was the woman longing but could not find?

The woman was longing for the one whom she loved but could not find him.

Song of Solomon 3:2

ULT

² I will get up now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will search for him whom my soul loves. I searched for him, but I did not find him.

UST

² So I said to myself, "I will get up now and walk around the city, through the streets and plazas, to search for the one whom I love with all my heart." So I got up and went out to look for him, but I could not find him.

For whom was the woman searching through the streets and squares but could not find? The woman was searching through the streets and squares but could not find her beloved.

Song of Solomon 3:3

ULT

³ The watchmen found me as they went about in the city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?"

UST

³ The city watchmen saw me while they were patrolling in the city. I asked them, "Have you seen the one whom I love with all my heart?"

What did the woman ask the watchmen when they found her?

She asked them, "Have you seen my beloved?"

ULT

⁴ Scarcely had I passed them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him and would not let him go until I had brought him into the house of my mother, into the bedroom of the one who had conceived me. The woman speaking to the other women

UST

⁴ As soon as I walked past them, I found the one whom I love with all my heart. I clung to him and would not let him go until I brought him to my mother's house, to the room where my mother had conceived me. The woman speaking to the other women

When did she find the one whom her soul loved?

She found the one whom her soul loved a little while after she passed the watchmen in the city.

What did she do with her beloved?

She held him and would not let him go until she had brought him into her mother's house.

Song of Solomon 3:5

ULT

⁵ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the fields, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. The woman speaking to herself

UST

⁵ You women of Jerusalem, solemnly promise me, while the does and gazelles are listening, that you will not disturb us while we are making love until we are ready to stop. The young woman speaking to herself

What did the woman want the daughters of Jerusalem's men to promise?

The woman wanted the daughters of Jerusalem's men to promise they would not interrupt their lovemaking until they were finished.

ULT

⁶ What is that coming up from the wilderness like a column of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the fragrant powders of the merchant?

UST

⁶ What is that I see coming from the wilderness, something that is stirring up dust like a column of smoke like smoke from burning myrrh and incense made from spices imported by merchants?

What did the young woman see coming from the wilderness that was perfumed with myrrh and frankincense and powders? (vv6-7)

She saw the portable litter of Solomon with 60 warriors around it.

Song of Solomon 3:7

ULT

⁷ Look, it is the litter of Solomon; sixty mighty men around it, of the mighty men of Israel.

UST

⁷ It is Solomon's litter carried by servants and surrounded by sixty bodyguards chosen from the strongest soldiers in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon 3:8

ULT

⁸ All of them are wielders of the sword, expert in war. Each man has his sword at his side, against the terrors of the night.

UST

⁸ They all have swords and they all are trained to use them. Each one has his sword strapped to his side and is prepared for dangers that can happen during the night or day.

At what were the warriors good?

The warriors were good with the sword and in warfare.

ULT

⁹ King Solomon made for himself a sedan chair from the wood of Lebanon.

UST

⁹ King Solomon commanded his servants to make that litter for him; it was made with wood from Lebanon.

What did King Solomon make for himself?

King Solomon made a sedan chair from wood from Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 3:10

ULT

¹⁰ He made its posts of silver; its back of gold, its seat of purple cloth. Its interior was inlaid with love by the daughters of Jerusalem. The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem

UST

¹⁰ The canopy that covered it was held up by silver posts, and the back of the litter was embroidered with gold. The seat was covered with purple cloth lovingly made by the women of Jerusalem.

What did King Solomon's sedan chair look like?

The chair had posts of silver, a back of gold, a seat of purple cloth, and was decorated with love.

Song of Solomon 3:11

ULT

¹¹ Go out, O daughters of Zion, and gaze on King Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the gladness of his heart.

UST

¹¹ You women of Jerusalem, come and look at King Solomon wearing the headdress that his mother put on his head on the day when he was married, the happiest day of his life.

At what did the young woman want the women of Jerusalem to look?

She wanted them to look at King Solomon.

What was King Solomon wearing on his marriage day?

He wore a crown with which his mother crowned him on his marriage day.

Song of Solomon 4:1

ULT

¹ Oh, you are beautiful, my love; Oh, you are beautiful. Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats that have descended from Mount Gilead.

UST

¹ My darling, you are beautiful, you are very beautiful! Underneath your veil, your eyes are as gentle as doves. Your long black hair moves from side to side like a flock of black goats moving down the slopes of Mount Gilead.

How did the woman's lover describe her eyes?

Her eyes were as doves behind her veil.

How did the woman's lover describe her hair?

Her hair was like a flock of goats going down Mount Gilead.

Song of Solomon 4:2

ULT

² Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes, that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and none among them is bereaved.

UST

² Your teeth are very white, as white as sheep whose wool people have just cut, as white as sheep that people have just washed in a stream. You have all of your teeth on both sides; none of them is missing.

How did her lover describe her teeth.

Her teeth were like newly shorn and washed female sheep.

ULT

³ Your lips are like a thread of scarlet, and your mouth is lovely. Your temples are like a slice of a pomegranate behind your veil.

UST

³ Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon, and your mouth is lovely. Beneath your veil, your cheeks are round and rosy like the halves of a pomegranate.

What did the woman's beloved say about her lips and mouth.

He said her lips were like a thread of scarlet and that her mouth was lovely.

How did the woman's beloved describe her cheeks.

He described her cheeks like pomegranate halves behind her veil.

Song of Solomon 4:4

ULT

⁴ Your neck is like the tower of David built in rows of stone, with a thousand shields hanging on it, all of them shields of warriors.

UST

⁴ Your long neck is beautiful, like the tower of King David that was built using layers of stone. The ornaments on the necklaces around your neck are like a thousand shields hanging on the walls of a tower; each one belongs to a warrior.

How did the woman's beloved describe her neck?

He described her neck as the tower of David built in rows of stone with a thousand soldiers' shields hanging on it.

Song of Solomon 4:5

ULT

⁵ Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that graze among the lilies.

UST

⁵ Your breasts are as delicate as two young twin deer eating grass among lilies.

How did the woman's beloved describe her two breasts?

He described her two breasts as two fawns, twins of a gazelle, grazing among the lilies.

ULT

⁶ Until the day breathes and the shadows flee away, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.

UST

⁶ Until dawn tomorrow morning, when the nighttime shadows disappear, I will lie close to your breasts, because they are like two hills that smell like sweet spices.

Where would her lover go until dawn comes and the shadows flee?

He said he would go to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.

Song of Solomon 4:7

ULT

⁷ You are altogether beautiful, my love and there is no blemish in you.

UST

⁷ My darling, you are completely beautiful; your body is perfectly formed!

In what way was his love beautiful?

His love was beautiful in every way.

What did his beautiful love not have?

His beautiful love did not have any blemish.

Song of Solomon 4:8

ULT

⁸ Come with me from Lebanon, my bride. Come with me from Lebanon. Journey down from the peak of Amana, from the peak of Senir and Hermon, from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards.

UST

⁸ My darling, it is as though you were in Lebanon far away, where I cannot reach you. Come back to me. It is as though you were on the top of Mount Hermon or the nearby peaks, where I cannot go to you. Come from the mountains, where the lions have their dens and where the leopards live on the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

ULT

⁹ You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride; you have stolen my heart, with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.

UST

⁹ You who are most dear to me, when I see you, you force me to love you when I see you look at me, when I see a little of the jewelry that you wear around your neck.

What did Solomon call his bride?

Solomon called her his sister.

What did Solomon tell his bride she had stolen from him?

He said she had stolen his heart.

What did Solomon say was beautiful and what was it better than?

Solomon said her love was beautiful and better than wine.

Song of Solomon 4:10

ULT

¹⁰ How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice.

UST

¹⁰ My bride, your love for me is delightful! It more delightful than wine! The fragrance of your perfume is more pleasing than any spice!

What was the smell of her perfume better than?

The smell of her perfume better than any spice.

ULT

¹¹ Your lips, my bride, drip honey; honey and milk are under your tongue; the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

UST

¹¹ When you kiss me, it is better than when I eat honey. Your kisses are as sweet as milk mixed with honey. The aroma of your clothes is like the aroma of cedar trees in Lebanon.

With what did he say his bride's lips dripped and what was under her tongue?

He said his bride's lips dripped with honey and she had honey and milk under her tongue.

What did the woman's clothes smell like?

Her clothes smelled like the fragrance of Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:12

ULT

¹² My sister, my bride is a garden locked up, a spring locked up, a fountain that is sealed.

UST

¹² You who are most dear to me, you are like a garden that the owner keeps locked in order that other men cannot enter it; you are like a spring that is covered in order that others may not drink from it.

What kind of garden and what kind of spring did Solomon say his sister, his bride, was like?

Solomon said she was like a garden locked up and a spring that was sealed.

Song of Solomon 4:13

ULT

¹³ Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranate trees with choice fruits, henna with nard plants,

UST

¹³ You are like an orchard of pomegranate trees full of delicious fruit, and plenty of plants that produce henna and nard spices,

To what did he liken the woman's branches? (vv13-14)

He likened her branches to a grove of pomegranate trees with choice fruit and plants and all the finest spices.

ULT

¹⁴ Nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes with all the finest spices.

UST

¹⁴ saffron and calamus and cinnamon and many other kinds of incense, myrrh and aloes and many other fine spices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon 4:15

ULT

¹⁵ You are a garden fountain, a well of fresh water, and streams flowing down from Lebanon. The woman speaking to the man

UST

¹⁵ You are like a fountain in a garden, like a spring of clear water that flows down from the mountains of Lebanon. The young woman speaking to her lover

With what kinds of water does Solomon describe his lover?

He described her as a garden spring, a well of fresh water, and streams flowing down from Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:16

ULT

¹⁶ Awake, O north wind; and come, O south wind; blow on my garden so that its spices may flow. May my beloved come into his garden and eat its choice fruit.

UST

¹⁶ I want the north wind and the south wind to come, and blow on my garden, in order that the fragrance of the spices will spread through the air. Similarly, I want the one who loves me to come and enjoy being close to me like someone comes into a garden and enjoys eating the fruit that grows there.

On what does the young woman want the north and south winds to blow and why?

She wanted the north and south winds to blow on her garden so that its spices would give off their fragrance.

What did she want her beloved to do and to eat?

She wanted her beloved to come into his garden and to eat some of its choice fruit.

Song of Solomon 5:1

ULT

¹ I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. The friends speaking to the man and the woman Eat, friends; drink and be drunk with love. The woman speaking to herself

UST

¹ You who are most dear to me, I have come to be next to you. It will be as though I am gathering myrrh with my other spices, eating my honey and honeycomb, and drinking my wine and my milk. The woman's lover speaking to her Friends, enjoy making love; fully enjoy all that you do with each other. The young woman speaking to herself

Where had Solomon come?

Solomon had come into his garden.

Song of Solomon 5:2

ULT

² I was asleep, but my heart was awake. A sound! My beloved is knocking, "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one, for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night."

UST

² I was asleep, and I had a dream. In it I heard my lover knocking at the door. He said, "You who are dearer to me than my sister, my darling, my dear friend, my perfect one, my dove, open the door for me! My hair is wet from the dew, from the mist that has fallen during the night."

Of what was Solomon's bride dreaming?

She was dreaming of her beloved's knocking and talking.

ULT

³ "I have taken off my robe; how could I put it on again? I have washed my feet; how could I get them dirty?"

UST

³ But I had already taken off my robe; I did not want to put it on again to open the door. I had already washed my feet; I did not want them to get dirty again.

What had Solomon's love already done?

She had already taken off her robe and washed her feet.

Song of Solomon 5:4

ULT

⁴ My beloved extended his hand through the opening of the door latch, and my heart was stirred up for him.

UST

⁴ The one who loves me put his hand through the opening in the door, and I was thrilled in my inner being that he was there.

Where had Solomon put his hand?

Solomon had put his hand through the opening of the door latch.

Song of Solomon 5:5

ULT

⁵ I arose to open to my beloved; my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with flowing myrrh, on the handles of the bolt.

UST

⁵ I got up to open the door for him, but first I put a lot of myrrh on my hands. It was dripping from my fingers while I unlatched the bolt.

With what were the bride's hands dipping when she opened the door?

Her hands were dripping with moist myrrh.

ULT

⁶ I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and gone. My heart sank when he spoke. ^[1] I searched for him, but I did not find him; I called him, but he did not answer me.

UST

⁶ I opened the door for the man who loves me, but he left. He had turned away and was gone! I was very disappointed. I searched for him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he did not answer.

What did the bride find when she opened the door and how did she feel?

She found that her beloved had turned and gone, so her heart sank and she became sad.

Song of Solomon 5:7

ULT

⁷ The watchmen found me as they went about in the city. They struck me and wounded me; the guards of the walls took away my cloak from me. The woman speaking to the women of the city

UST

⁷ The city watchmen saw me while they were walking around the city. They beat me and wounded me because they thought I was a prostitute; those men who were guarding the city walls took my robe. The young woman speaking to the women of the city

What did the watchmen do when they found Solomon's bride?

They struck and wounded her and took away her cloak.

Song of Solomon 5:8

ULT

⁸ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved— What will you tell him?— that I am sick with love. The women of the city speaking to the woman

UST

⁸ You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to take an oath that if you see the man who loves me, you will tell him that I want him so much that I feel sick. The women of the city speaking to the young woman

What did the bride ask the women of Jerusalem to promise?

She asked the women of Jerusalem to promise that they would tell her if they found her beloved.

How did the young woman's beloved make her feel?

The young woman's beloved made her feel sick with love.

ULT

⁹ Why is your beloved better than another beloved man, O most beautiful among women? Why is your beloved better than another beloved, that you thus adjure us? The woman speaking to the women of the city

UST

⁹ You who are the fairest among women, why do you think that the one who loves you is better than other men? In what way is he better than other men? Why do you want us to swear that we will tell him that? The young woman speaking to the women of the city

What did the young women ask of the bride?

They asked her how and why her beloved is better than another.

Song of Solomon 5:10

ULT

¹⁰ My beloved is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.

UST

¹⁰ It is because the man who loves me is handsome and healthy, outstanding among other men.

How did the young woman describe her beloved?

She described him as radiant, ruddy, and outstanding.

Song of Solomon 5:11

ULT

¹¹ His head is the purest gold; his locks are wavy, black as a raven.

UST

¹¹ His head is beautiful, like purest gold; his hair is wavy and as black as a raven.

How did the woman describe her beloved's head and hair?

She described his head as pure gold and his hair as curly and black.

ULT

¹² His eyes are like doves beside streams of water, bathed in milk, reposed in their setting.

UST

¹² His eyes as gentle as doves along the streams; the white parts of his eyes are as white as milk, with what resembles jewels inlaid in them.

How did the woman describe her beloved's eyes?

She described his eyes like doves washed in milk.

Song of Solomon 5:13

ULT

¹³ His cheeks are like beds of spices, yielding aromatic scents. ^[2] His lips are lilies, dripping liquid myrrh.

UST

¹³ His cheeks are like a garden full of spice trees that produce sweet-smelling perfume. His lips are like lilies that have myrrh dripping from them.

How did Solomon's bride describe his cheeks and lips?

She described his cheeks like spice gardens and his lips as myrrh soaked lilies.

Song of Solomon 5:14

ULT

¹⁴ His arms are rods of gold, set with jewels; his abdomen is polished ivory, covered with sapphires.

UST

¹⁴ His arms are like gold rods that have rounded ends, and that are decorated with precious stones. His body is like ivory that is decorated with sapphires.

How did the woman describe her beloved's arms and abdomen?

She described his arms as gold with jewels and his abdomen as ivory covered with sapphires.

ULT

¹⁵ His legs are pillars of alabaster, set on bases of pure gold; his appearance is like Lebanon, choice as the cedars.

UST

¹⁵ His legs are like marble columns that are set in bases made of pure gold. He is majestic, like the mountains of Lebanon, like delightful cedar trees.

How did the woman describe her beloved's legs and his appearance?

She described his legs as marble pillars with gold bases and his appearance like Lebanon, as special as the cedars.

Song of Solomon 5:16

ULT

¹⁶ His mouth is most sweet; he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

5:6 ^[1] .

5:13 ^[2] .

UST

¹⁶ His kisses are very sweet; he is completely attractive. You young women of Jerusalem, this is why the man who loves me is better than all other men.

How did Solomon's bride describe her beloved's mouth and Solomon to Jerusalem's daughters?

She described his mouth as most sweet and that Solomon was completely lovely.

Song of Solomon 6:1

ULT

¹ Where has your beloved gone, O most beautiful among women? Where has your beloved turned, so that we may seek him with you? The woman speaking to herself

UST

¹ You who are the most beautiful of the women, where has the one who loves you gone? If you tell us which direction he went, we will go with you to search for him. The young woman speaking to herself

What questions do the women of Jerusalem ask of the young woman?

They ask her where her beloved has gone and in what direction has he gone?

For what did the young women want to seek?

The young women wanted to seek for the young woman's beloved.

Song of Solomon 6:2

ULT

² My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to graze in the gardens and to gather lilies.

UST

² The one who loves me has come to me, I, who am like his garden, He has come to enjoy my charms, to enjoy cuddling embracing me and kissing my lips, which are like lilies.

What does the young woman say her beloved was doing?

The young woman said he was in his spice gardens to graze in the garden and gather lilies?

ULT

³ I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies. The man speaking to the woman

UST

³ I belong to the one who loves me, and the one who loves me belongs to me. He has pleasure in kissing my lips, like sheep enjoy grazing. The woman's lover speaking to her

To whom did the young woman and her lover belong?

The young woman and her lover belonged to each other.

Where did the young woman's lover graze?

The young woman's lover grazed among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 6:4

ULT

⁴ You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with its banners.

UST

⁴ My darling, you are beautiful, as Tirzah the capital city of Israel and Jerusalem the capital city of Judah are beautiful; you make me tremble, just as if I had seen a great army approach.

What two cities did the woman's lover use to describe her?

He described her as two cities, Tirzah and Jerusalem.

How did her beloved feel about her?

He felt that she was completely fascinating.

ULT

⁵ Turn your eyes away from me, for they overwhelm me. Your hair is like a flock of goats that descend from Gilead.

UST

⁵ Stop looking at me like that, because your eyes excite me very much. Your long black hair moves from side to side like a flock of black goats moving down the slopes of Mount Gilead.

Why did the woman's lover want her to turn her eyes away from him?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn her eyes away from him because her eyes overwhelmed him.

How did the woman's lover describe her hair?

He described her hair as a flock of goats on the slopes of Mount Gilead.

Song of Solomon 6:6

ULT

⁶ Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that have come up from the washing. All of them bear twins, and none among them is bereaved.

UST

⁶ Your teeth are very white like a flock of sheep whose wool has just been shorn and have come up from being washed in a stream. You have all of your teeth on both sides; none of them is missing.

How did her lover describe her teeth?

He described her teeth as a flock of ewes coming up from the washing place.

Song of Solomon 6:7

ULT

⁷ Your temples are like a slice of a pomegranate behind your veil. The man speaking to himself

UST

⁷ Beneath your veil, your cheeks are like the halves of a pomegranate. The woman's lover speaking to himself

How did her lover describe her cheeks?

Her lover described her cheeks as pomegranate halves behind her veil.

ULT

⁸ There are sixty queens, eighty concubines, and maidens without number.

UST

⁸ Even if a king had 60 queens and 80 concubines and more young women than anyone can count,

How many other women did the woman's lover say there were?

He said there were 60 queens, 80 concubines, and young women without number.

Song of Solomon 6:9

ULT

⁹ My dove, my perfect one, is the only one; she is the only one of her mother; she is the favorite one of the woman who bore her. The young women saw her and called her blessed; the queens and the concubines also, and they praised her: What the queens and the concubines said

UST

⁹ none of them would be like my dove, who is perfect, you who are your mother's only daughter, whom your mother considers to be very precious. Other young women who see you say that you are fortunate, and the queens and concubines recognize that you are very beautiful. What the queens and the concubines said

How did the woman's lover describe his dove?

The woman's lover described her as his undefiled, the only one, and the special and favorite daughter of her mother.

What did the queens and the concubines say about her when they saw her?

The queens and concubines praised her.

Song of Solomon 6:10

ULT

¹⁰ "Who is this who looks down like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun, awesome as an army with its banners?" The man speaking to himself

UST

¹⁰ Who is this who looks like the dawn, who is as beautiful to look at as the moon, who is an endless mystery? The woman's lover speaking to himself

How did the woman's lover describe her?

The woman's lover described her like the dawn, the moon, the sun, and completely fascinating.

ULT

¹¹ I went down to the orchard of nut trees to look at the young growth in the valley, to see whether the vines had budded, and whether the pomegranates were in bloom.

UST

¹¹ I went down to some walnut trees to look at the new plants that were growing in the valley. I wanted to see if the grapevines had budded and if the pomegranate trees were blooming.

Why did the woman's lover go into the grove of nut trees?

The woman's lover went into the grove of nut trees to see if the vines had budded and the pomegranates were in bloom.

Song of Solomon 6:12

ULT

¹² Before I was aware, my soul set me among the chariots of my noble people. The friends speaking to the woman

UST

¹² I was as happy as if I were riding in a chariot belonging to a prince. The woman's lover speaking to her

How did the woman's lover feel.

The woman's lover felt as though he were riding in the chariot of a prince.

ULT

¹³ Turn back, turn back, O Shulammite; ^[1] turn back, turn back so that we may gaze at you. The woman speaking to the friends Why should you gaze at the Shulammite, ^[2] as at the dance of two armies? ^[3]
6:13 ^[1].
6:13 ^[2].

6:13 ^[3] .

UST

¹³ You who are the perfect one, come back to us, in order that I may see you! The young woman speaking to her lover Why do you want to look at me, the one who is perfect, dancing between two rows of dancers?

What did the woman's lover want her to do?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn back to him.

Why did the woman's lover want her to turn to him?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn to him so that he may gaze on her.

What did the young woman say about herself?

The young woman described herself as the perfect woman who seemed to be dancing between two rows of dancers.

Song of Solomon 7:1

ULT

¹ How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O daughter of a prince! The curves of your thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a master craftsman.

UST

¹ You, the daughter of a prince, have lovely feet in your sandals. Your curved hips are like jewels that have been made by a skilled craftsman.

How did Solomon describe his lover's feet in her sandals and the curves of her thighs? He described her feet in her sandals as beautiful and the curves of her thighs like jewels.

Song of Solomon 7:2

ULT

² Your navel is a round bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat encircled with lilies.

UST

² Your navel is like a round bowl that I hope will always be full of wine mixed with spices. Your waist is like a pile of wheat with lilies growing around it.

How did Solomon describe his love's navel and belly?

Solomon described his love's navel as a round bowl which never lacks mixed wine and her belly as mound of wheat surrounded with lilies.

Song of Solomon 7:3

ULT

³ Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

UST

³ Your breasts are as delicate as two young twin deer.

How did Solomon describe his lover's two breasts?

Solomon described her two breasts like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

ULT

⁴ Your neck is like a tower of ivory; your eyes are the pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon, which looks toward Damascus.

UST

⁴ Your neck is like a tower made of ivory. Your eyes sparkle like the pools in the city of Heshbon, near the Bath Rabbim Gate. Your nose is long, like the tower in Lebanon that faces Damascus.

How did Solomon describe his lover's neck, eyes, and nose?

Solomon described her neck as an ivory tower, her eyes like a pool, and her nose like the tower in Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 7:5

ULT

⁵ Your head is on you like Carmel, and the flowing locks on your head are like purple. The king is held captive in the tresses.

UST

⁵ Your head is majestic like Mount Carmel. Your long hair is shiny and black; it is as though I, your king, am captured by your tresses.

How did Solomon describe his lover's head and hair?

Solomon described her head like Mount Carmel and her hair as dark.

Song of Solomon 7:6

⁶ How beautiful and how lovely you are, O love, with delights! ^[1]

UST

⁶ My love, you are so beautiful and lovely with all your delights.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

ULT

⁷ Your stature is like a date palm tree, and your breasts like its clusters.

UST

⁷ You are stately like a palm tree, and your breasts are like grape clusters.

How did Solomon describe his lover and her breasts?

He described her as a date palm tree and her breasts as clusters of fruit.

Song of Solomon 7:8

ULT

⁸ I said, "I will climb the palm tree; I will take hold of its fruit stalks." Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the fragrance of your breath like apples,

UST

⁸ I said to myself, "I will climb that palm tree and take hold of those clusters of dates." I want your breasts to be also like clusters of grapes that I can feel; I want your breath to be like the sweet fragrance of apricots.

What did he also want his lover's breasts and breath to be like?

He also wanted his lover's breasts to be like grape clusters and her breath to be sweet like the smell of apricot fruit.

Song of Solomon 7:9

ULT

⁹ and your mouth like the best wine, going down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over the lips of those who sleep. ^[2] The woman speaking to the man

UST

⁹ I want your kisses to be like very good wine. When I kiss you, the woman who loves me, I want it to be as if it was wine flowing over our mouths and teeth. The young woman speaking to her lover

What did he want his lover's mouth to be like?

He wanted her mouth to be like the best wine.

ULT ¹⁰ I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me. UST ¹⁰ I belong to the man who loves me, and he desires me.

To whom did the young woman belong and whom did he desire?

The young woman belonged to her beloved and her beloved desired her.

Song of Solomon 7:11

ULT

¹¹ Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields; let us spend the night in the villages. ^[3]

UST

¹¹ You who love me, let us go to the countryside, and sleep in a village somewhere.

Where did the young woman want her beloved to go with her?

She wanted him to go into the countryside to spend the night in the villages.

Song of Solomon 7:12

ULT

¹² Let us go out early to the vineyards; let us see whether the vines have budded, whether their blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.

UST

¹² And let us go early to the vineyards to see if the grapevines have budded and if there are blossoms on them that have opened, and see if the pomegranate trees are blooming, and there I will allow you to make love to me.

Why did she want her beloved to rise early?

She wanted him to rise early to see if the vines in the vineyards and the pomegranates had budded.

What did she say she would give her beloved when they got to the vineyards?

She said she would give him her love.

ULT

¹³ The mandrakes give off fragrance; and over our doors are all choice fruits, new as well as old, which I have stored up for you, my beloved.

7:6 ^[1] .

7:9 ^[2] .

7:11 ^[3].

UST

¹³ The mandrake plants are producing a fragrant odor, and we are surrounded by delightful pleasures, new ones and old ones, pleasures that I have been saving to give to you, the man who loves me.

What did she say the mandrakes would do?

She said the mandrakes would give off their fragrance.

What did she say was at the door where she and her lover were staying?

She said that at the door where they were staying there were all sorts of choice fruits, new and old, that she had stored up for him.

Song of Solomon 8:1

ULT

¹ Oh that you were like a brother to me, who nursed at the breasts of my mother. If I found you outside, I would kiss you, and no one would despise me.

UST

¹ I wish that everyone knew that we love each other, just as they all know that I have a brother, my own brother, who nursed at my mother's breasts. Then whenever I met you outside, I could kiss you, and no one would criticize me.

What did the woman wish that her lover was like and why?

She wished he were like her brother so that she could kiss her lover at any time and no one would despise her.

Song of Solomon 8:2

ULT

² I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother— she who used to teach me. I would give you spiced wine to drink, the juice of my pomegranates. The woman speaking to herself

UST

² No one would object if I led you to our mother's house, to where our mother, who taught me so many things, lives. I would like to take you to our mother's house so I could make love to you there. That would be as delightful as juice squeezed from pomegranates, as wine mixed with spices. The young woman speaking to herself

Where would the woman have liked to bring her lover?

She would have liked to bring him to her mother's house so he could teach her.

Song of Solomon 8:3

ULT

³ His left hand is under my head and his right hand embraces me. The woman speaking to the other women

UST

³ Oh yes! He will put his left arm under my head, and he will hold me close with his right arm. The woman speaking to the other women

What were her lover's left and right hands doing?

His left hand was holding his head and his right hand is hugging her.

ULT

⁴ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. The women of Jerusalem speaking

UST

⁴ I want you to promise me, you women of Jerusalem, that you will not disturb us while we are making love until we are ready to stop." The women of Jerusalem speaking

What did the woman want Jerusalem's women to promise?

The woman wanted Jerusalem's women to promise that they would not interrupt her and her lover's lovemaking until they were finished.

Song of Solomon 8:5

ULT

⁵ Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? The woman speaking to the man Under the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother conceived you; there she was in labor and gave birth to you.

UST

⁵ Who is that woman who is coming up from the wilderness, the woman who is leaning on the man who loves her? The young woman speaking to her lover I woke you up when you were under the apricot tree at the place where your mother conceived you, the place where she gave birth to you.

What did the women of Jerusalem ask?

They asked who was coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved.

What did the young woman tell her lover when she woke him under the apricot tree?

She told him that his mother had conceived and given birth to him under the apricot tree.

ULT

⁶ Set me as a seal over your heart, as a seal on your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as Sheol. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of Yahweh.

UST

⁶ Keep me close to you, like a seal on your heart, or like a bracelet on your arm. Our love for each other is as powerful as death; it is as strong as the grave. It is as though our love for each other bursts into flames and burns like a hot fire.

What did the young woman want her lover to do and why?

She wanted him to set her as a seal over his heart because love is as strong as death and a hot flame.

Song of Solomon 8:7

ULT

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, nor can rivers overflow it. If a man gave all the wealth of his house for love, it would utterly be despised. The woman's brothers speaking among themselves

UST

⁷ Nothing can stop us from loving each other, not even a flood. If a man tried to cause a woman to love him by saying he would give her everything that is in his house, she would refuse. The young woman's brothers speaking among themselves

What couldn't stop love?

Huge amounts of moving water could not stop love.

Song of Solomon 8:8

ULT

⁸ We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day when she is spoken for?

UST

⁸ We have a younger sister, and her breasts are not large yet. So this is what we should do for her on the day that we promise some young man that he can marry her:

What did the woman's brothers say about their little sister?

They said that her breasts had not yet grown and that they wondered what they would do for her when she was promised in marriage.

ULT

⁹ If she is a wall, we will build on her a battlement of silver. If she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar. The woman speaking to herself

UST

⁹ If her chest is as flat as a wall, we will decorate it by putting silver jewels that are like towers on her. If she is as flat as a door, we will decorate her with bits of cedar wood. The young woman speaking to herself

What would the woman's brothers do if she were a wall?

If she were a wall, they would build a tower of silver on her.

What would the woman's brothers do if she were a door?

If she were a door, they would adorn her with boards of cedar.

Song of Solomon 8:10

ULT

¹⁰ I was a wall, and my breasts were like fortress towers; ^[1] then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace. ^[2] The woman speaking to herself

UST

¹⁰ My chest was previously flat like a wall, but now my breasts are big like towers. So I am delightful to my beloved. The young woman speaking to himself

How did the young woman describe herself?

She described herself as a wall with breasts like fortress towers and completely mature.

Song of Solomon 8:11

ULT

¹¹ Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon. He let out the vineyard to keepers. Each one was to bring a thousand pieces of silver for its fruit.

UST

¹¹ King Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon, and he rented it to people for them to farm it. He required each one to pay him one thousand pieces of silver each year for the grapes that they harvested.

What did the young woman say that Solomon did with his vineyard at Baal Hamon?

Solomon leased his vineyard to those who would take care of it.

ULT

¹² My vineyard, my very own, is before me; the thousand shekels are for you, O Solomon, and the two hundred are for those who maintain its fruit. The man speaking to the woman

UST

¹² But my body is like my own vineyard, and you, my lover whom I call "Solomon," I am giving it to you. You do not need to pay me a thousand pieces of silver to enjoy my body, but I will give two hundred pieces of silver to those who take care of me. The woman's lover speaking to her

What does the young woman say about her own vineyard and those who maintained it?

She said the 1000 shekels that it brought belonged to Solomon and that those who maintained it would get 200 shekels.

Song of Solomon 8:13

ULT

¹³ O you who dwell in the gardens, companions are listening for your voice; let me hear it. The woman speaking to the man

UST

¹³ You are staying in the gardens, my friends are listening to your voice; so allow me to hear it, too! The young woman speaking to her lover

What did the woman's lover say to her who lived in the gardens about what his friends, as well as he, wanted to hear?

He said that his friends, as well as he, wanted to be the ones to hear her voice.

Song of Solomon 8:14

ULT

¹⁴ Hurry, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.
8:10^[1].
8:10^[2].

8:10 [2]

UST

¹⁴ You who love me, come to me quickly; run to me like a gazelle or young deer, because I am as delightful as hills of spices.

What did the young woman want her beloved to do and be like?

She wanted her beloved to hurry and to be like a deer.

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